

Regular Meeting
December 19, 2024

A. Call to Order & Pledge to the Flag

At the call of the President Gulas, the Joliet Park District Board of Commissioners met for a Regular Meeting in the Board Room of the Inwood Athletic Club, 3000 W. Jefferson Street, Joliet, IL. The meeting began at 5:00pm.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. Roll Call

Commissioners Present: Raasch, Perez, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Commissioners Absent:

C. Convening the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Hearing

1. President Gulas called to order the Public Hearing for oral and written public comment for the approval of the Joliet Park District Fiscal Year 2025 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance
2. Executive Director Brad Staab explained that the proposed budget for the fiscal year January 1 through December 31, 2025 was available for public view, in person and online for just over 30 days. Staff has not received any written or oral comments during this time.
3. Receipt of Public Comment
When given the opportunity to comment, no one from the public came forward to address the Board.
4. President Gulas moved to close the 2025 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance Hearing. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

D. Opportunity For The Public To Speak - 3 minute time limit

When given the opportunity to comment no one from the public came forward to address the Board.

E. Approval of the Minutes of the Special (BINA Hearing) Meeting of November 20, 2024 and the Special (2025 Budget) Meeting and Regular Meeting of November 18, 2024

A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Commissioner Perez, to approve the minutes of the Special (BINA Hearing) Meeting of November 20, 2024 and the Special (2025 Budget) Meeting and the Regular Meeting of November 18, 2024. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Perez, Mutz, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

F. Approval of the bills and payroll for the month of November, 2024 - \$1,926,356.86

President Gulas inquired about water bills at West Park. A motion was made by Commissioner Raasch, seconded by Vice President Tatro to approve the bills and payroll for the month of November, 2024 in the amount of \$1,926,356.86. The motion carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Tatro, Perez, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

G. Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 2024.

Glenn Kelley, Director of Finance, gave the Treasurer's report for the end of the month of November 2024 as follows:

Cash on hand beginning of month:	\$	14,283,597.23
Total Receipts:	\$	39,414,753.60
Total Disbursements:	\$	31,361,512.89
Cash on hand end of month:	\$	13,599,325.80
Total Investments:	\$	13,733,824.64
Total Cash & Investments:	\$	27,333,150.44
Total Fund Balances	\$	22,761,469.45

Vice President Tatro made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November, 2024. Commissioner Raasch seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Raasch, Perez, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

H. Communications

1. Executive Director Correspondence

Mr. Brad Staab, Executive Director deferred to Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, who introduced Danny Dutkiewicz, Ice Arena Superintendent. Mr. Dutkiewicz started in September and trained with former Ice Arena Superintendent, Dan Hinz. Mr. Dutkiewicz informed the Board that he has worked at the Inwood Golf Course part-time for 19 years, played hockey at the Inwood Ice Arena for 16 years, and coached the Joliet Jaguar Hockey team for 1 season. Mr. Dutkiewicz looks forward to this opportunity. Ms. Talarico thanked Dan Hinz, for his 17 years with the Joliet Park as he has retired. Mr. Staab added that Mr. Hinz was a valuable employee to the District and will be missed.

Mr. Staab updated the Board on the EV Chargers, they are currently generating approximately \$100/day. Nowell Park's EV Chargers are also now working. The District did not invest anything into the chargers, they were funded by the State of Illinois. The District is providing the electricity to power the chargers.

Mr. Staab reported to the Board that he had a phone call with SOHO Concessions regarding the 2025 Taste of Joliet. They are definitely interested in coming back and handling the beverage side of the event and they would like to discuss taking over the food vendors as well. A meeting will be arranged in January to discuss the food vendor handling.

Mr. Staab informed the Board that the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce named the Joliet Park District the 2024 large employer of the year. The Chamber has an event on February 25th where the District will receive this award. The District will have a table at this event and an email will be sent for RSVP's.

Mr. Staab thanked the staff and Board for everything the District accomplished in 2024 as this is the last meeting of the year; parking lots, dug outs, Taste of Joliet, tornado recovery, turf at Hartman. Mr. Staab is proud of all of the projects that were done this year and thanked the Board for their support and everyone for their hard work.

2. Staff Reports

Mr. John Ekstrom, Director of Golf Grounds and Horticulture, reported that the Greenhouse Poinsettia sale was December 7 & 8 and that they still have poinsettias left for \$10. Mr. Staab took/donated 35 poinsettias to Lightways Hospice earlier this week.

Mr. Ekstrom appreciated being invited to and attending the Poinsettia Luncheon.

Mr. Ekstrom mentioned that the Inwood Golf Course looks barren as a result of the strategic tree removals from the tornado recovery. Credit should go to Collin Voitik, Maintenance 1 and Tom Pauson, Operator, they have been working hard for a number of weeks on removals and have started stump grinding. Additionally, an Arborist has recommended specific species to strategically replace the lost trees. Mr. Ekstrom will meet with Mr. Kelley and the insurance company regarding the tree replacement costs. Stump grinding is not covered by insurance but will be done.

Commissioner Mutz questioned the District being uninsured at the Harlow Lockwood Softball Fields. Mr. Staab informed the board that this area was insured but the policy was not updated to include the turf; this has been rectified. Commissioner Perez requested that the spreadsheet Mr. Kelley prepared on the tornado expenses and insurance be included in the January Board meeting.

Ms. Laura Brumfiel, Director of Recreation reported

- Sunshine and Rainbows and After Schools programs are on holiday break until January 7th
- Sunshine and Rainbows holiday craft show with 50 vendors took place. This raises funds for scholarships for the Sunshine and Rainbows program, \$534 was raised.
- Flip Squad and Kippers have their first competition of the year January 19th
- The basketball hoops were successfully installed in the gym and the Karen Green Multi-Purpose Center, they are very nice.
- Nowell Park's breakfast with Santa last Saturday with approximately 300 attending. Thank you Commissioner Perez for attending.
- Turf and paint are complete at the Hartman Center; waiting on wall padding. The facility is rented all 7 days of the week with Sunday morning the only opening. Just started a partnership with Chicago Fire. After the wall padding is installed Mr. Staab and Ms. Brumfield would like to go on Scott Slocum's radio show to promote the recent renovation.

Concessions will be expanded at this location in the future. Ms. Brumfiel thanked Park Services for their help on this project.

Mr. Jim Baranak, Director of Parks reported that Park Services painted the Hartman Center in one week.

Mr. Baranak informed the Board that Omega Plumbing was out today to replace the cartridges in the locker room showers, 21 of 22 cartridges were changed. One of the showers was unable to be fixed because of a crossthread valve. This will need to be addressed in the future. Shower heads were changed in 4 of the showers to increase pressure.

Mr. Baranak indicated that the masonry work will be started on the Wedgewood Ball Shed in the beginning of January. After the masonry is complete, park service staff will install the soffit and fascia. The garage doors will be delivered the last week of December. ComEd is supposed to be out tomorrow to install the meter. In March it will be ready for asphalt.

Mr. Baranak also stated that the park service staff will be starting on Phase 2 of the Ice Arena project, specifically painting.

Mr. Kelley reported that the Namscorp POS machines have been received by Namscorp. Jodi Brooker, Golf Course Food and Beverage Manager, has been working with Namscorp on the golf course menu's.

Ms. Teri Talarico, Director of Operations, reported that the Pilcher Park Nature Center recently had an awesome ceramic event. The Winter Solstice night hike at Pilcher Park is tomorrow night. The restrooms will be renovated in January; new counters, sinks and partitions.

Ms. Talarico indicated that the Ice Arena project is in Phase 2, the chillers are anticipated to be completed in January. The IBS is working on the HVAC, heating and cooling of the ice arena and admin offices. An extension has been granted until the end of March for this work, but Ms. Talarico believes it will be done by the end of January.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that the Inwood Athletic Club's last race of the year, in partnership with the Joliet Region Chamber of Commerce, the Santa Shuffle was a great sold out event with 399 runners. The race registration funds were split between the Chamber and the District.

Ms. Talarico relayed to the Board that underwater pictures with Santa in pool was also a sold out event with over 40 participants. Thank you to the Blue Tides Master swim team for their help with this event.

Ms. Talarico indicated that the Inwood Athletic Club Boot Camp will be starting January 11th.

Ms. Talarico informed the Board that the Control Management System for the Inwood Athletic Club is in disrepair. Thermostats will be installed for the units as they are needed as opposed to a computer system. Rooftop Unit 7 that associates with the womans locker room was just repaired with a thermostat and is working fine.

Ms. Talarico indicated that the pool needs a new heater, and quotes are being gathered.

Commissioner Perez and President Gulas asked what the Inwood Athletic Club is planning to do to retain members upon the building of the new YMCA in Shorewood. Ms. Talarico responded that the price structure will need to be reviewed.

I. Action Items

1. Old Business
2. New Business
 - a. Approval of Ordinance #865 – Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,325,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2025, of the Joliet Park District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of providing for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing the revenue source to pay certain outstanding obligations of said Park District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and providing for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof.

Mr. Staab explained this is the General Obligation Tax Bonds that fund the Districts capital projects. Vice-President Tatro made a motion to approve Ordinance #865 – Consideration and action on an ordinance providing for the issue of not to exceed \$1,325,000 General Obligation Limited Tax Park Bonds, Series 2025, of the Joliet Park District, Will and Kendall Counties, Illinois, for the purpose of providing for the payment of land for parks, for the building, maintaining, improving and protecting of the same and the existing land and facilities of said Park District and for the payment of the expenses incident thereto, providing the revenue source to pay certain outstanding obligations of said Park District, providing for the levy of a direct annual tax to pay the principal and interest on said bonds, and providing for the sale of said bonds to the purchaser thereof. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Tatro, Mutz, Perez, Raasch, Gulas
Nays: None

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- b. Approval of Ordinance #866 – Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to approve Ordinance #866 — Budget & Appropriation Ordinance Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025. Vice President Tatro seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Tatro, Perez, Mutz, Gulas

Nays: None

- c. Approval of Resolution #24-233 – Disposal of Surplus Equipment & Other Items

Ms. Talarico explained that these are the 14 cycles that are not being recycled to another area when the new cycles came into use. They will be sold on Govdeals.

President Gulas made a motion to approve Resolution #24-223 – Disposal of Surplus Equipment and other Items. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Gulas, Mutz, Raasch, Perez, Tatro

Nays: None

- d. Approval of 2025 Board Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Perez made a motion to approve the amended 2025 Board Meeting Schedule with the July Meeting date changed to July 21, 2025 and if a work session is needed it will be July 14, 2025. President Gulas seconded the motion and it carried as follow:

Ayes: Perez, Gulas, Raasch, Mutz, Tatro

Nays: None

- e. Bids and Award of Contract
 - e(1). Accept & Award Contract for Inwood Athletic Club & Ice Arena Re-Roofing Project – Riddiford Roofing - \$1,516,400

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to table this agenda item. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

- f. Quotes and Award of Contract
 - f(1). Accept and Award Contract for Construction Management Professional Services for Inwood Ice Arena Re-Roofing Project – Wight Construction Services

President Gulas made a motion to table this agenda item. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

- f(2). Accept & Award Contract for Medical Insurance from January 1-December 31, 2025 – Blue Cross Blue Shield

Mr. Kelley explained that our broker Horton obtained bids and this was the low bidder with a 2-year cap on our premiums.

Commissioner Raasch made a motion to Accept & Award Contract for Medical Insurance from January 1-December 31, 2025 – Blue Cross Blue Shield. Commissioner Mutz seconded the motion and it carried as follows:

Ayes: Raasch, Mutz, Perez, Tatro, Gulas

Nays: None

I. BOARD COMMENT

1. Committee Report

a. Joliet Park Foundation

President Gulas informed the Board that the Poinsettia Luncheon had a last minute venue change to Woodruff Golf Club and it turned out great. The next meeting is January 8, 2025.

b. Joliet Regional Airport

The holiday party was earlier in December and the next meeting is March 5, 2025.

J. Executive Session: The Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance, or Dismissal of a Specific Employee or Legal Counsel for the Park District; Purchase or Lease of Real Property for the Use of the Park District, Including Meetings Held for the Purpose of Discussing Whether a Particular Parcel Should be Acquired; The Setting of a Price for Sale or Lease of Property Owned by the Park District; Pending Litigation; Probable or Imminent Litigation

At 5:52pm, a motion was made by President Gulas, seconded by Vice President Tatro to go into Executive Session per the Open Meeting Act to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the Park District, Section 2(c)(1); to discuss the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the Park District, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired, Section 2(c)(5); to discuss the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the Park District, Section 2(c)(6); to discuss sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts, Section 2(c)(7) and, to discuss pending litigation or probable or imminent litigation, Section 2(c)(11). The motion carried as follows

Ayes: Gulas, Tatro, Raasch, Mutz, Perez

Nays: None

K. Adjournment

With all agenda items discussed, a motion to adjourn was made by President Gulas. The motion was seconded by Vice President Tatro, and it carried unanimously. The time was 6:29 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Kasprisin
Recording Secretary

